



Together We Are One McKendree

Letters of Congratulations

The inauguration of
Daniel C. Dobbins '81
as the thirty-third president of
McKendree University

February 19, 2021



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January 26, 2021

Mr. Daniel Dobbins
President
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RE: Congratulations!

Dear Mr. Dobbins,

The Leadership Council SWIL would like to congratulate you on your new leadership role at McKendree University! McKendree University has been an educational leader in our region for decades with a focus on providing the highest quality of facility, student sporting options, and in-demand degree fields.

The Leadership Council SWIL has partnered with McKendree University Internship Program for many years. We have seen firsthand the level of student commitment to community engagement, academic excellence, and especially communications skills needed in today's global marketplace. McKendree University stands a shining light in our regional community and something we can all be very proud to see under the leadership of Daniel Dobbins, the 33rd president, of wonderful institution.

We want to wish all of the faculty, staff, and students of McKendree University all of the best as we enter a new post-pandemic world! Our heartfelt welcome to Dan and his team as they work diligently to sustain the engaged scholarship and community leadership this wonderful university is well known for over the years. All our best!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronda Sauget".

Ronda Sauget, D.Mgt, MBA
Executive Director and CEO
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January 25, 2021

Daniel Dobbins
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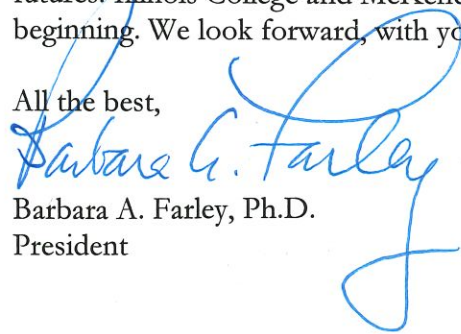
Dear President Dobbins,

Illinois College sends its very best wishes on the occasion of your inauguration as the 33rd president of McKendree University. You join an illustrious group of leaders who have shaped higher education in the State of Illinois for generations at a time when the challenges to higher education are formidable.

Your devotion to McKendree – decades of service as an Alumni Board member and a Trustee, your tenure as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and your commitment to service to your alma mater are so abundantly clear as you embrace this role today.

The mission of higher education is to enable students to create meaningful and purpose-driven futures. Illinois College and McKendree University have stood together in this work since the very beginning. We look forward, with you, as you take the next step in your leadership journey.

All the best,



Barbara A. Farley, Ph.D.
President



Southwest Baptist University

Office of the President

January 25, 2021

Daniel Dobbins, President
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62269

Dear President Dobbins,

Greetings from Southwest Baptist University! Congratulations on your appointment as President of McKendree University and your upcoming inauguration on Friday, February 19th, 2021.

Although I cannot attend in person, I want to send you my warmest congratulations as you lead McKendree University into the next chapter in its rich history. Leading an institution of higher education is a high calling. While it may come with its challenges and stresses, I pray it also comes with great reward. May you find great satisfaction in the opportunity to lead an institution that will help guide the future of your community and our world.

I pray the Lord will bring blessings, success, and goodwill to you and McKendree University. As you are aware, the work of higher education is a team effort. Should there be any way that I can serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brad Johnson
Acting President
Southwest Baptist University



ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY

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Dear Dan,

I was pleased to meet you on the recent call with new presidents at Methodist-affiliated schools.

This is a challenging time for all of us, to be sure. But I also believe there are new and promising opportunities for higher education.

Serving as a president brings great satisfaction, as we dedicate ourselves to the mission of transforming lives - and our world - through education.

All best to you, as you lead a great university.

Sincerely,
Georgia



"City of the Cedars"

CITY OF LEBANON

To: McKendree University

Re: The Inauguration of Daniel Dobbins as 33rd President of McKendree University

Attn: Tami Eggleston, PhD
Provost

Dear Dr. Eggleston,

Thank you for the opportunity to acknowledge and recognize the Inauguration of Daniel Dobbins as President of McKendree University, certainly as Mayor, but also on a personal level.

I recall following the new President of McKendree University as a powerful force on the McKendree basketball team. He was a great player made stronger by his obvious dedication to work ethic along with personal discipline which successfully carried over into his academic life.

I have no doubt that those qualities are still with him today, and will serve him and the University well to thrive in the current tenuous and competitive academia environment.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Wilken, Mayor

312 West St. Louis Street, Lebanon, IL 62254

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Aldermen Ward IV
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January 28, 2021

President Daniel Dobbins
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62254-1299

Dear President Dobbins:

Congratulations on your inauguration as the 33rd president of McKendree University. Lewis and Clark Community College shares a rich history of collaboration with McKendree University and we look forward to continuing to build our relationship.

Best wishes to you and the university for continued success as you begin this new venture.

Sincerely,

Ken Trzaska, Ed.D.
President

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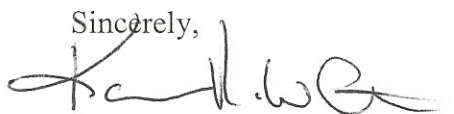
January 27, 2021

Daniel Dobbins
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62269

Dear Mr. Dobbins:

Congratulations! We are delighted to hear that you will be inaugurated as the 33rd President of McKendree University. Please accept my best wishes for a successful future for you and McKendree University.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Whitney, Interim Chancellor
University of Illinois Springfield





Suzanne Davis, President
Greenville University
315 E. College Ave.
Greenville, IL 62246
January 29, 2021

Daniel Dobbins
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62269

Dear President Dobbins:
Greetings from Greenville University. Congratulations on your upcoming inauguration! Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your achievement and my regrets that COVID restrictions do not allow me to physically attend your special occasion.

I pray God's blessings on you and McKendree University as you celebrate this occasion.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Davis

Dear President Dobbins,

Congratulations on your Feb. 19 inauguration to becoming McKendree University's 33rd president. It is our honor to have had MU as a member of Associated Colleges of Illinois for more than 50 years and to have worked together to support our brand of higher education. We're excited to continue that tradition working together with you and your team, President Dobbins, and look forward to continuing and building that relationship into the future. My best wishes.

Mick Weltman, Executive Director
Associated Colleges of Illinois
70 East Lake Street, Suite 1418
Chicago, Illinois 60601



January 27, 2021

Daniel C. Dobbins
McKendree University
Office of the President
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62254-1299

Dear President Dobbins:

I received the wonderful announcement of your inauguration celebration on February 19. I am pleased to congratulate you, on behalf of the entire University of Southern Indiana family, on your inauguration as the 33rd president of McKendree University.

You have my best wishes that your tenure as president will be both professionally successful and personally satisfying.

Sincerely,

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Ronald S. Rochon
President

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The Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Students

of

University of Southern Indiana

Evansville, Indiana

Extend greetings and congratulations to

McKendree University

upon the Inauguration of

Daniel C. Dobbins

as the thirty-third president of
McKendree University

February 19, 2021

*With sincere best wishes
for continued achievement and service
to the advancement of learning*

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon
President

Rockhurst University



extends congratulations and felicitations to

McKendree University

upon the appointment of their thirty-third President

Daniel C. Dobbins

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students of Rockhurst University,
I would like to express our best wishes for your continued success in the years ahead.

February 19, 2021

Thomas B. Curran, S.J.

Reverend Thomas B. Curran, S.J.



February 3, 2021

Daniel C. Dobbins
President
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62254-9990

Dear President Dobbins,

On behalf of the 765 institutions, state councils, higher education associations, and affiliated organizations that are members of CIC, I bring congratulations and good wishes to McKendree and to you. CIC is proud of its long association with McKendree and welcomes you to the community of CIC member presidents on this joyful occasion.

Outstanding leadership is always essential for independent colleges and universities, but particularly so under the challenging circumstances of the day. It is a lucky institution that finds a worthy leader for the moment, and a lucky president who finds a worthy institution to serve! I am honored to join in the celebration of this moment and hope that CIC will be an important resource for you in the years to come.

Congratulations and warm good wishes,

Richard Ekman
President



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February 4, 2021

Daniel Dobbins, President
McKendree University
Office of the President
701 College Road
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Dear President Dobbins:

The Higher Learning Commission congratulates you, your colleagues on the Board and the broader McKendree University community as you celebrate the beginning of your new leadership. Please let us know any way we can be of assistance related to accreditation.

McKendree University has been accredited by HLC since 1970. Together with almost 1,000 other colleges and universities, McKendree University has helped to make HLC a respected, effective organization for voluntary quality assurance in higher education.

HLC stands ready to support McKendree University as it builds on its strengths to ensure its on-going contribution to its students, to its faculty and staff, and to the common good.

With best regards,

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President



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February 1, 2021

Mr. Daniel Dobbins, President
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62269

Dear Mr. Dobbins,

Congratulations on your appointment and inauguration as the 33rd president of McKendree University. Although public health circumstances do not permit the traditions generally observed as part of a presidential inauguration, please know that I and the rest of our Maryville University community extend our hearty congratulations to you and wish you every success. I look forward to engaging with you in the future through our work with the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Sincerely,

Mark Lombardi, PhD
President



February 1, 2021

Daniel Dobbins
President
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62254

Subject: CONGRATULATIONS

Dear President Dobbins,

Let me be among the many to congratulate you on becoming the President of McKendree University. As you well know McKendree is a fine learning institution with a proud history. Your experience on the board and your business experience have prepared you very well for your new position.

I look forward to seeing nothing, but great things occur at McKendree under your leadership. I say this with over 40 years of Business management experience and about 30 years' experience of serving on educational boards myself (8 years on District 90 Board, 6 years on Illinois State Board of Education and 15 years on Lindenwood University's Board of Trustees).

I'm also very proud to say that my daughter Kate has both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from McKendree.

With your background and desire to see McKendree be the best it can be, I can see some very exciting years for the University under your leadership.

I am a strong believer in Good Education and have seen firsthand what it can do for people, so if I or any of the O'Fallon staff can help you with your future plans for McKendree, please let me know.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Roach", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Herb Roach
Mayor of O'Fallon



DRURY
UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 29, 2021

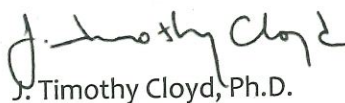
Daniel C. Dobbins
President
McKendree University
701 College Road
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Dear President Dobbins:

Congratulations on your installation as the thirty-third President of McKendree University. I wish you success in your new role and in your leadership to help advance the important mission of the university.

Best wishes for a memorable ceremony and continued blessings in your presidency.

Sincerely,



J. Timothy Cloyd, Ph.D.
President

Enclosure

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI
OF
DRURY UNIVERSITY

EXPRESS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO

Daniel C. Dobbins

ON HIS INAUGURATION AS THE THIRTY-THIRD PRESIDENT OF

McKendree University

Lebanon, Illinois

FRIDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE



J. Timothy Cloyd
J. Timothy Cloyd, Ph.D.
President



LINDENWOOD
UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 8, 2021

President Daniel C. Dobbins
McKendree University
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62269

Dear Mr. Daniel Dobbins,

My sincerest congratulations on your official installment as McKendree University's 33rd president. I know the deep sense of pride and responsibility you must feel at this time.

Your continuous involvement with McKendree since your graduation shows the true passion and pride you have for your alma mater. Those two virtues alone imply what a tremendous leader you will continue to be, and what a significant impact you will make.

We at Lindenwood University are excited to see what endeavors McKendree University will pursue during the coming years. I wish success to your university, faculty/staff, and students during this new generation of leadership.

Congratulations,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John", is written over the printed name of John R. Porter.

John R. Porter, Ed.D.
President

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February 12, 2021

Dear Dr. Dobbins,

On behalf of the faith community of Lebanon First United Methodist Church, I am delighted to welcome you to McKendree University! We are excited that you have joined this university community and look forward to working with you over the next many years. I realize your first months here have been unprecedented, but I do hope we will be able to meet you very soon and welcome you.

As a graduate of McKendree, I know you are familiar with Lebanon and all that it offers to the University, as well as what the University offers to the city.

Lebanon First is ready, willing and excited to strengthen its bonds with the students, faculty and staff of McKendree University.

I would invite you to come and worship with us, (once COVID restrictions allow this!) and meet the wonderful members of our church. Our services are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

We will be praying for your tenure as President, and wish you success and blessings in the months and years ahead.

God's Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Kim Hagedorn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Kimberly Hagedorn

Hello Dan:

Received notification of your February Presidential Installation and Inauguration. I am so pleased and excited for you and so impressed with the leadership role that you are providing for McKendree University. Your first year as President has been filled with so many challenges and obstacles centering around the pandemic, social unrest and political upheaval. However, it is so very evident that you have risen to the challenge and "One McKendree" (students, faculty, staff, alumni and the larger community) are all benefitting. I want to wish you the very best and so desire for you to experience a long and successful tenure as the 33rd President of McKendree University. Linda also sends her very best wishes. She and I hope and pray that the 33rd President of McKendree University and the First Lady will enjoy many days of bright sunshine. God bless!

Just a final note, today Thursday, February 4 is Optimist Day. I have been a member of the Belleville Optimus Club for 45 years and our Optimist Creed conveys such a positive message of renewal and commitment, a message that is so appropriate for these current difficult and troubling days. Please let me share it with you. An occasional reading of it does many times provide a welcomed motivation.

Joe Cipfl

Promise Yourself

- **To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.**
- **To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.**
- **To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.**
- **To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.**
- **To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.**
- **To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.**
- **To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.**
- **To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.**
- **To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.**
- **To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.**